

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
November 3, 2023
11:15 a.m.
Busch Municipal Building, 840 Boonville Avenue
Councilman Denny Wayne Conference Room (4th Floor)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Monica Horton, Abe McGull, Brandon Jenson, Matthew Simpson, Heather Hardinger, Craig Hosmer, and Ken McClure.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Callie Carroll and Derek Lee.

STAFF PRESENT: Anita Cotter, City Clerk; and Regina Crumrine, Executive Secretary.

GUESTS: None.

Mayor McClure called the meeting to order at approximately 11:35 a.m. and roll call was conducted. Present: Horton, McGull, Jenson, Simpson, Hardinger, Hosmer, and McClure. Absent: Carroll and Lee.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting. Councilmember McGull seconded the motion, and they were approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Jenson, Simpson, Hardinger, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Carroll and Lee. Abstain: None.

Mayor McClure noted the purpose of the meeting was to consider appointments and reappointments to the Board of Public Utilities.

The Committee moved forward with interviews of the candidates for the Board of Public Utilities. The same five questions were asked of each candidate (Exhibit A).

Candidates were interviewed as follows:

11:45 a.m. – Mark Eck

Reappointments were discussed at this time, due to an extended break between the first two interviews. Councilmember Hosmer moved to reappoint both Heather Ramsey (to a first full term) and Clifton Smart (to a second term) to the Board of Public Utilities. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Jenson, Simpson, Hardinger, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Carroll and Lee. Abstain: None.

Candidate interviews continued as follows:

12:25 p.m. - Benjamin Shantz
12:45 p.m. - Kevin Bedwell
1:15 p.m. - Marshall Kinne
1:30 p.m. - Tim Havens
1:50 p.m. - Gerald Lee (via Zoom)

A fire alarm sounded at approximately 2:05 p.m., and all meeting attendees evacuated the building. Everyone returned after the building was given the all clear; Mayor McClure reconvened the meeting at approximately 2:33 p.m.

A vote was taken to determine which two applicants would be selected to fill the seats vacated by Nancy Williams and Donald Woody whose terms expire December 1, 2023.

The first round of voting resulted in no one applicant receiving the necessary five votes for selection (Exhibit B). Benjamin Shantz received the necessary five votes during the second round vote (Exhibit C). The third, fourth, and fifth rounds of voting were mixed (Exhibits D, E, and F). Gerald Lee received the necessary five votes during the sixth and final vote (Exhibit G).

The recommendation for the reappointment of Heather Ramsey and Clifton Smart will be forwarded to City Council for consideration at the November 20, 2023, City Council meeting.

The recommendation for Mr. Shantz to fill the vacancy left by Ms. Williams and the recommendation for Mr. Lee to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Woody will be forwarded to City Council for consideration at the November 20, 2023, City Council meeting.

Councilmember Jenson moved to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Horton, McGull, Jenson, Simpson, Hardinger, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Carroll and Lee. Nays: Hosmer. Abstain: None.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:10 p.m.

Prepared by Regina Crumrine

Approved by the Committee of the Whole on December 4, 2023.